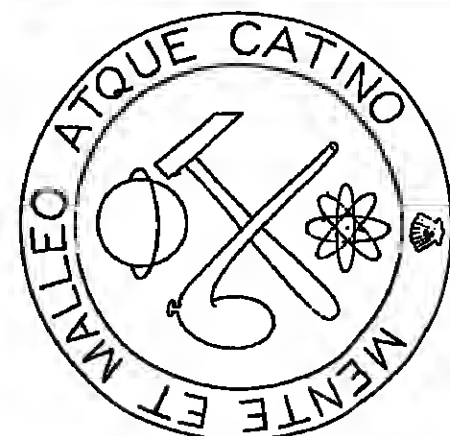






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The extensive knowledge gained from the proposed research in the Cascade Range will, when integrated with similar data from the proposed Trans-Alaska Lithosphere Investigation (TALI), give an accurate representa-

tion of the reconfiguration of the major subducting plates and associated volcanism along the western margin of North America. TALI was recently organized by the U.S. Geological Survey and other groups to plan for drilling and aerial studies along a north-south transect 1,400 km long across the full width of Alaska.

This article is partly intended as an announcement to alert various funding agencies and potential colleagues to the existence of the organizing group for Cascade scientific drilling. We invite participation from other scientists at this time or in the future as the activities become more specific. A proposal submission is planned for January or February 1985. If you are interested in participating in this project, you can obtain general information and information on Oregon geologic studies from George R. Priest at the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, 1005 State Office Building, Portland, Oregon 97201 (telephone: 503-229-5580). The following persons are coordinating other aspects of the project:

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## News & Announcements

### Lionel Wilson Wins VGP Award



Citation

Lionel Wilson (Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Lancaster, England) has brought physics to volcanology and transformed a largely descriptive and petrological science by development of a

quantitative and predictive understanding of eruption dynamics. Lionel's involvement in volcanology started in 1971 when he helped George Walker determine the rates of fall of pyroclasts. This fairly simple problem led to questions of settling of ash particles onto the earth, and Lionel embarked on a series of papers that progressively traced volcanic debris back to its source crater. He described the physical processes affecting pyroclasts in Strombolian and Plinian eruptions, and with Steve Sparks and others modeled the formation (1978) and emplacement (1978) of ignimbrites by gravitational collapse of an eruption column. In a paper important to understanding the dispersal of tephra, Lionel and others demonstrated that eruption column heights are proportional to the fourth root of the mass eruption rate of magma (1978), leading ultimately to the invention of the problem to deduce cloud height and associated eruption characteristics from mapped tephra distributions. The correctness and utility of Lionel's theoretical descriptions of explosive activity were demonstrated by a series of papers applying the models to actual eruptions at Fuego, Guatemala (1980), Ngauruhoe, New Zealand (1979), La Soufriere, St. Vincent (1982), and St. Helens, Washington (1982), as well as to tephra deposits at Askja, Iceland (1981), Toluca, Mexico (1977), and Thera, Greece (1978).

During the last few years, Lionel has turned his attention to volcanism in other parts of the solar system. Working with Jim Head and associates, Lionel derived mathematical models of the ascent and emplacement of basaltic magmas and applied these ideas successively to earth and moon (1981), Mars (1982), Io (1982), and Venus (1982). A good summary paper appears in *Nature* (302, 665-669, 1983). The planetary work represents a testing and application of his models of pyroclastic dynamics to new environments and also the development of similar quantitative understanding of lava flow dynamics. Lionel and Jim Head thus were able to noncritically account for peculiar features of lunar sinuous rilles and associated source craters (1981). On Mars, Lionel and coworkers discovered evidence for recent explosive activity on one of the shield volcanoes, and derived the cloud height, mass eruption rate, volatile content, and depth of magma storage (1982). For Venus, there is no direct evidence of the nature of volcanism, although chemical analyses of surface materials and geophysics give persuasive evidence for past volcanic activity. However, Lionel's numerical models of explosive activity, adjusted to the high temperature and pressure of Venus, provide clues to possible volcanic processes and lend focus to radar images. Lionel found that energetic eruptions on Io can be modeled if large proportions of volcanoes are erupted at high eruption rates (1981).

Lionel Wilson has produced a series of major papers that numerically model nearly all aspects of eruption processes. His collaboration with leading volcanologists and planetary geologists has ensured that his models are geologically reasonable and widely accepted.

As the third winner of the VGP Award, Lionel Wilson provides further evidence for the successful application of fundamental physical, chemical, and mathematical principles to the understanding of geophysical and geochemical processes. (I am indebted to G. A. Wood for most of this citation.)

Joseph V. Smith

### Acceptance

I am very grateful for your kind remarks about my work, Professor Smith. When I look at the field of volcanology, I see it with the eyes—and thought processes—of someone whose first interest was in basic physics rather than geology. The question of how we look at things—how we approach problems—has always intrigued me. I wonder if we are attracted to a particular scientific discipline as a result of our personal way of perceiving the world, or if we choose the discipline for some other reason and are then rounded by the current conventions of that field. I would like to think it is the former, since the latter has the inherent danger of suppressing new ways of thinking; but I am still not sure.

Many physicists—including me—look at the world in terms of simple processes. I regret sitting on a cliff top overlooking a waterfall with a friend who was reading mathematics. Just to be provocative I said to her, "When you look at this waterfall, what interests you most? Is it the way energy conserves the motion determines the speed of the water at the bottom in terms of the height of the fall, or is it the way the geometry of the system determines where the rainbow forms in the spray, or what?" I expected a response like, "You physicists are all the same! Why don't you appreciate it just because it's a beautiful view?" But instead she looked down and thought for a moment and said, "Don't you think a waterfall is too complex just to apply energy conservation? You really need the full fluid dynamics equation to treat a problem like that." Since then, I have felt much happier

about the way physicists see the world.

Soon after I was graduated, I realized that it is much more interesting to work on applied problems than purely theoretical ones; this led me toward geophysics in general and quite soon into volcanology in general and the theme of my research. I would certainly like to support the comments you made earlier, Professor Smith, about the importance of the interdisciplinary nature of the field, needing as it does input from many branches of geology, physics, and mathematics. I would also stress that as in other areas of earth science, we get a lot of extra information by viewing the earth as just one of a group of silicate planets. Studying eruptions on Io or Mars or the moon allows us to see the consequences of events taking place in environments with different values for the gravity or atmospheric pressure, and this is just a way of applying the classic technique of changing the boundary conditions and seeing how the system responds. I certainly feel that we should all be trying to expose our graduate students to the multi-planet data set as well as to the multidisciplinary approaches we have found so essential.

For those of us who, like me, did not have the benefit of all of these inputs during our early, formative years, the most efficient way of working involves collaboration with colleagues who have complementary backgrounds to our own, and I would like to pay tribute to my geological friends whose field experience and intuition help to keep me from wandering into the realms of lunacy too often. I have particularly benefited from collaboration over many years with the scientist Professor Smith mentioned earlier: George Walker at Hawaii, Steve Sparks at Cambridge, and Jim Head at Brown. I would also like to mention the invaluable support I receive from my wife, Dorothy. She didn't make it to this meeting unfortunately; she found herself choosing between coming to Cincinnati or spending 6 weeks helping me in Hawaii in the summer, and strongly and by a very small margin of course, Hawaii won. Her background is not in science, as it happens, and so she is willing to listen without interrupting for far longer than anyone here in

the audience would do to some of my more outrageous ideas. But having listened, she always tells me when something sounds like unmitigated nonsense, which is a great help. So, to the people I have mentioned specifically, to the many other colleagues who continue to provide stimulating ideas and constructive criticism, and to all of you for your kindness in presenting me with this award, my grateful thanks.

Lionel Wilson

### Call for Contributions

The deadline for the January 1985 issue of *The VGP News* is November 30, 1984. Please submit all contributions to Bruce Doe.

Readers are also asked to inform the editor of *The VGP News* if they are interested in reviewing any recently published books. Input on what types of books and any specific suggestions for which books should be reviewed are also welcome.

### Meetings

#### Microscopic to Macroscopic

The Mineralogical Society of America will sponsor a short course entitled "Microscopic to Macroscopic: Atomic Environments to Mineral Thermodynamics" before the 1985 annual Spring AGU meeting. An all-day symposium of invited and contributed related research papers will be held at AGU in Baltimore. The short course will be at Washington College, Cheltenham, Md.

Speakers/authors for the short course are Charles Burnham (Harvard); Roger Burns (MIT); Michael Carpenter (Cambridge); Susan Chose (Univ. of Washington); Robert Hazen (Geophys. Lab.); Raymond Jeanloz (Berkeley); Susan Kieffer (USGS, Flagstaff); Desmond McConnell (Cambridge); Paul McMillan (Ariz. State Univ.); Alexander Navrotsky (Ariz. State Univ.). The following topics

will be covered: (1) characterization of atomic sites by various spectroscopic and crystallographic techniques; (2) the relations between atomic vibrational properties and spectroscopic properties; (3) calculation of thermodynamic properties from spectroscopic properties; (4) systematics of thermodynamic properties of minerals, including crystal-chemical constraints on free energies, phase transitions, heat capacities and entropies, solid solution effects, and isotopic fractionation. Authors are contributing examples of worked problems with their answers which will appear as a volume in the MSA series *Reviews in Mineralogy*.

The short course will consist of three morning lectures, two afternoon or evening lectures, and an evening workshop between Friday morning, May 24 and Sunday noon, May 26.

For further information, write to either (but not both) of the organizers: Alexander Navrotsky, Department of Chemistry, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287; Susan W. Kieffer, U.S. Geological Survey, Flagstaff, AZ 86001.

#### Phreatomagmatic Eruptions

Special sessions on "Phreatomagmatic Eruptions and the Role of Water in Explosive Volcanism" are being held at the International Volcanological Congress, Auckland-Hamilton-Rotorua, New Zealand, February 1-9, 1986. In association with the Congress, there will be a special issue of a geophysical/geophysical journal dedicated to this topic; editing duties for the special issue are to be shared by convenors of the Congress and the IAVCEI Working Group on Explosive Volcanism.

Papers submitted for publication in the special issue should follow *Bulletin of Volcanology* format and must be carefully edited before submission for review. Manuscripts will be sent out for review, referee, and final drafts collected by the special editors before submission to a journal. In addition to publication in a journal, the final drafts will be



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The deadline for manuscripts from authors to editors for processing and review is July 1, 1985.

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Through solubility data for various volatile species, vapor pressure at the time the system chemically closed can be inferred from volatile concentration and compared with the known lithostatic load. By sampling drill holes at multiple depths, the pressure (depth) dependence of degassing behavior can be determined. Alternatively, if no degassing occurs except in explosive fragmentation, volatile content will be independent of depth. For magma under lithostatic load at 1000 m, the solubility of water in melt is an order of magnitude higher than water contents observed in Obsidian Dome. Although it might be expected that degassing would result in water contents near the solubility curve, in fact equilibrium with surface conditions (0.1 MPa) extends to at least 100 m (2 MPa) [Eichelberger and Reece, 1983]. While degassing to 1 atmosphere water vapor pressure is certainly not expected to extend to depths of 500 or 1000 m, gases at these depths may be substantially water under-saturated (at magmatic temperature) if the magma behaves during ascent as a melt, permeable foam.

The problem of dike emplacement will be investigated in detail. Fracture experiments will be used to characterize current conditions in the vicinity of the dike in terms of joint orientation and stress orientation and magnitude. Evidence for the mechanism of dike propagation is provided by fractures and other mechanical damage near the dike. Predictions of fracture distribution from existing dike propagation models [Pollard et al., 1983] can be compared with actual fractures mapped from core examination and bore hole televue studies, which may also reveal pathways of fluid flow relevant to the geochronology and thermal investigations.

Processes of mass transport within the dike and between the dike and its host will be investigated largely through trace element and isotopic techniques. The isotopic composition of oxygen and hydrogen is a sensitive indicator to processes involving water, such as mag-

matic degassing and interaction between meteoric water and magma [e.g., Taylor et al., 1983]. The isotopic contrast between Sierra basement and Obsidian Dome for Sr and Pb isotopes will provide a sensitive test of the extent of assimilation [e.g., Doe et al., 1983; Lapina et al., 1978]. The glassy margin of the intrusion represents magma subjected to an extreme temperature gradient and provides an opportunity to test current ideas about thermally driven diffusion (Soret effect) and its role in development of highly evolved silicic magmas by looking for gradients in rare earth element concentration.

Finally, the holes will be used to test and refine application of geophysical techniques to volcanic terranes. Deep drilling in the CSDP thermal regime effort will rely heavily on geophysics for definition of magmatic targets, yet these techniques are largely untested due to limited drilling of magmatic features. Both electrical and seismic reflection surveys will be run across the dike trend inside and outside the caldera. Results will be compared with "ground truth" from the core holes.

### Program Evolution

Intersecting a subsurface intrusion with a drill hole is not a trivial problem, however unambiguous the surface evidence. Therefore, the drilling program will be developed with holes of increasing depth, cost, and target complexity so that results from each hole can be used in design of the subsequent hole. Work was initiated outside the caldera because of ease of access and target definition, relative conceptual simplicity of the geologic environment, favorable drilling conditions due to expected hole stability in granite, and greater likelihood of encountering residual heat from the intrusion at shallow depth due to expected low permeability of the environment. Work within the caldera is planned to lag work in the northern part of the chain by approximately 1 year. Table 2 shows current drilling plans, which are, of course, subject to

revision based on drilling results and funding constraints. The present project will culminate with two deep (3-km) holes into the dike, one inside and one outside the caldera. The more immediate goal is to intersect the Obsidian Dome conduit and the northern part of the dike at approximately the 500- and 1000-m levels, respectively. In the remainder of this section, we describe the completed 150-m Obsidian Dome hole and the conduit and dike holes which are in progress.

The first hole was conceived as a relatively low-cost shallow vertical hole to investigate structure and chemistry of the Obsidian Dome. The hole was also intended to address the problems of wire line diamond coring in the flow and underlying stratigraphy in order to design properly the later, more expensive holes. A site near the southern distal end of the flow was chosen because the second hole will penetrate a proximal section of the flow before intersecting the conduit. Comparison of the flow sections sampled by these two holes will permit investigation of the effects of surface flowage on flow structure, bubble growth or collapse, and degassing, and of changes in magma chemistry with time. A truck-mounted wire line diamond core rig of the type commonly used in hard rock mining was employed. Coring was required to meet the scientific objectives of the hole. Further, conventional rotary drilling that relies on return fluid flow to bring cuttings to the surface would have been impossible in the highly fractured dome. Boyles Brothers of Reno spudded the hole on October 20, 1983, and completed it on November 4 at a total depth of 152 m. The hole was cased NC (95-mm diameter) to 124 m, cased NX to 122 m, and then cased NX (76-mm) to 152 m. Surprisingly, little difficulty was encountered penetrating Obsidian Dome, and recovery averaged 90% (close to 100% in the unfractured interior), even though drilling proceeded without circulation. The cost was about \$170/m of which \$30/m was drilling fluid. The

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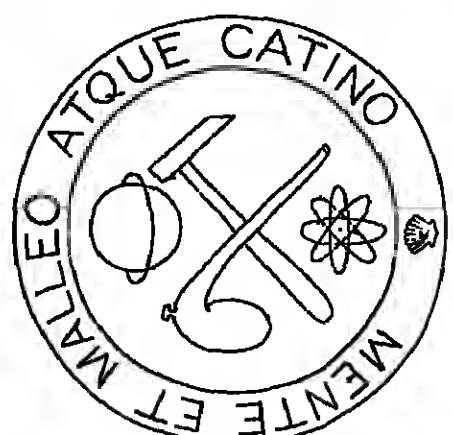
TABLE 1. Institutions and Investigators Currently Involved in the Inyo Drilling Program

Institution	Investigators	Investigations
Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	A. F. White N. R. Burkhard P. W. Kasameyer L. W. Yunker	fluid geochemistry seismic reflection, thermal/chemical relationships fracturing experiments
Los Alamos National Laboratory	J. N. Albright, F. E. Coff H. D. Murphy C. R. Carrigan, J. C. Dunn, J. C. Eichelberger, T. M. Gerlach, P. C. Lynne R. A. Bailey, C. D. Miller J. H. Fink J. F. Heman T. A. Vogel	volatile geochemistry, thermal modeling petrology/geochemistry structure electromagnetic survey thermal/chemical relationships structure H, C, O isotopes
Sandia National Laboratories	D. D. Pollard B. E. Taylor	
U.S. Geological Survey Arizona State University Brown University Michigan State University		
Stanford University Canadian Geological Survey		

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### Program for Scientific Drilling in the Cascades

In recognition of the need for deep scientific drilling in the Cascades, a group of scientists who are actively pursuing research in the province have met several times to formulate a proposal. An initial meeting was held at the AGU conference in San Francisco last December, and a proposal is now in preparation for submission in early 1985.

The thrust of the proposed project will be a coordinated program of drilling and surface geologic and geophysical surveys along a series of east-west transects across the full width of the Cascade Range. The drilling will occur primarily in the young volcanic terrane of the High Cascades and will be completed in two phases. The bulk of the drilling during the first phase will be aimed at reaching depths of between 1.2 and 2.7 km in two transects of four wells each across two contrasting parts of the arc. Some surface surveys and shallow drilling are also contemplated during the first phase to characterize two lower-priority east-west transects. The four transects are targeted on the southern Washington Cascades, two localities in the central Oregon Cascades, and the northern California Cascades. The first phase would allow direct testing and modeling of the hydrothermal systems, measurement of the amplitude of the heat flow anomaly in the High Cascades, and direct sampling of basement rocks to determine the structure, state of stress, and other physical properties. The first phase will also include geologic mapping and a full range of geophysical surveys across both the High Cascades and the Western Cascades to investigate the overall geologic framework of the arc, including the configuration of the subducting oceanic plate and the development of the arc through time. The second phase would be aimed at directly penetrating the source of the regional heat flow anomaly at depths of 7-10 km. The second phase would be an extraordinary scientific and engineering accomplishment and would necessarily be preceded by a lengthy period of research and development. Whereas the proposal currently being prepared deals conceptually with the second phase, only work on the first phase will be addressed in the initial proposal.

The extensive knowledge gained from the proposed research in the Cascade Range will, when integrated with similar data from the proposed Trans-Alaska Lithosphere Investigation (TALI), give an accurate representation of the configuration of the major subducting plates and associated volcanism along the western margin of North America. TALI was recently organized by the U.S. Geological Survey and other groups to plan for drilling and aerial studies along a north-south transect 1,400 km long across the full width of Alaska.

This article is partly intended as an announcement to alert various funding agencies and potential colleagues to the existence of the organizing group for Cascade scientific drilling. We invite participation from other scientists at this time or in the future as the activities become more specific. A proposal submission is planned for January or February 1985. If you are interested in participating in this project, you can obtain general information and information on Oregon geologic studies from George R. Priest at the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, 1005 State Office Building, Portland, Oregon 97201 (telephone: 503-229-5580). The following persons are coordinating other aspects of the project:

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## News & Announcements

### Lionel Wilson Wins VGP Award



#### Citation

Lionel Wilson (Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Lancaster, England) has brought physics to volcanology and transformed a largely descriptive and petrological science by development of a

quantitative and predictive understanding of eruption dynamics. Lionel's involvement in volcanology started in 1971 when he helped George Walker determine the rates of fall of pyroclasts. This fairly simple problem led to questions of settling of ash particles onto the earth, and Lionel embarked on a series of papers that progressively traced volcanic debris back to its source crater. He described the physical processes affecting pyroclasts in Strombolian and Plinian eruptions, and with Steve Sparks and others modeled the formation (1976) and emplacement (1978) of ignimbrites by gravitational collapse of an eruption column. In a paper important to understanding the dispersal of tephra, Lionel and others demonstrated that eruption cloud heights are proportional to the fourth root of the mass eruption rate of magma (1978), the problem ultimately to the inversion of the leading to deduce cloud height and associated eruption characteristics from mapped tephra distributions. The correctness and utility of Lionel's theoretical descriptions of explosive activity were demonstrated by a series of papers applying the models to actual eruptions at Fuego, Guatemala (1980), Ngauruhoe, New Zealand (1979), La Soufriere, St. Vincent (1982), and St. Helens, Washington (1982), as well as in tephra deposits at Askja, Iceland (1981), Toluca, Mexico (1977), and Thera, Greece (1978).

During the last few years, Lionel has turned his attention to volcanism in other parts of the solar system. Working with Jim Head and associates, Lionel derived mathematical models of the ascent and emplacement of basaltic magmas and applied these ideas successively to earth and moon (1981), Mars (1982), Io (1982), and Venus (1982). A good summary paper appears in *Nature* (302,663-669, 1983). The planetary work represents a testing and application of his models of pyroclastic dynamics to new environments and also the development of similar quantitative understanding of lava flow dynamics. Lionel and Jim Head thus were able to numerically account for peculiar features of lunar sinuous rilles and associated source craters (1981). On Mars, Lionel and coworkers discovered evidence for recent explosive activity on one of the shield volcanoes, and derived the cloud height, mass eruption rate, volatile content, and depth of magma storage (1982). For Venus, there is no direct evidence of the nature of volcanism, although chemical analyses of surface materials and geomorphology give persuasive evidence for past volcanic activity. However, Lionel's numerical models of explosive activity, adjusted to the high temperature and pressure of Venus, provide clues to possible volcanic processes and landforms seen on radar images. Lionel found that energetic eruptions on Io can be modeled if large proportions of volatiles are erupted in high eruption rates (1981).

Lionel Wilson has produced a series of major papers that numerically model nearly all aspects of eruption processes. His collaboration with leading volcanologists and planetary geologists has ensured that his models are geologically reasonable and widely accepted. As the third winner of the VGP Award, Lionel Wilson provides further evidence for the successful application of fundamental physical, chemical, and mathematical principles to the understanding of geophysical and geochemical processes. We are indebted to G. A. Wood for most of this citation.

Joseph V. Smith

#### Acceptance

I am very grateful for your kind remarks about my work, Professor Smith. When I look at the field of volcanology, I see it with the eyes—and thought processes—of someone whose first interest was in basic physics rather than geology. The question of problems at things—how we approach problems—has always intrigued me. I wonder if we are attracted to a particular scientific discipline as a result of our personal way of perceiving the world, or if we choose the discipline for some other reason and are then molded by the current conventions of that field. I would like to think it is the former, since the latter has the inherent danger of suppressing new ways of thinking; but I am still not sure.

Many physicists—including me—look at the world in terms of simple processes. I recall once sliding on a cliff top overlooking a waterfall with a friend who was reading mathematics. Just to be provocative I said to her, "When you look at this waterfall, what interests you most? Is it the way energy conservation determines the speed of the fall, or is it the way the geometry of the system determines where the rainbow forms in the spray, or what?" I expected a response like, "You physicists are all the same. Why don't you appreciate it just because it's a beautiful view?" But instead she looked down and thought for a moment and said, "Don't you think a waterfall is too complex just to apply energy conservation? You really need the full fluid dynamics equation to treat a problem like that." Since then, I have felt much happier

about the way physicists see the world.

Soon after I was graduated, I realized that it is much more interesting to work on applied problems than purely theoretical ones; this led me toward geophysics in general and quite soon into volcanology as the major theme of my research. I would certainly like to support the comments you made earlier, Professor Smith, about the importance of the interdisciplinary nature of the field, needing as it does input from many branches of geology, physics, and mathematics. I would also stress that as in other areas of earth science, we get a lot of extra information by viewing the earth as just one of a group of silicate planets. Studying eruptions on Io or Mimas or the moon allows us to see the consequences of events taking place in environments with different values for the gravity or atmospheric pressure, and this is just a way of applying the classic technique of changing the boundary conditions and seeing how the system responds. I certainly feel that we should all be trying to expose our graduate students to the multi-planet data set as well as to the multidisciplinary approaches we have found so essential.

For those of us who, like me, did not have the benefit of all of these inputs during our early, formative years, the most efficient way of working involves collaboration with colleagues who have complementary backgrounds to our own, and I would like to pay tribute to my geological friends whose field experience and intuition help to keep me from wandering into the realms of fantasy too often. I have particularly benefited from collaboration over many years with the scientists Professor Smith mentioned earlier: George Walker at Hawaii, Steve Sparks at Cambridge, and Jim Head at Brown. I would also like to mention the invaluable support I receive from my wife, Dorothy. She didn't make it to this meeting unfortunately; she found herself choosing between coming to Cincinnati or spending 6 weeks helping me in Hawaii in the summer, and strangely and by a very small margin of course, Hawaii won. Her background is not in science, as it happens, and so she is willing to listen without interrupting for far longer than anyone here in

the audience would do to some of my more outrageous ideas. But having listened, she always tells me when something sounds like unmitigated nonsense, which is a great help. So, to the people I have mentioned specifically, to the many other colleagues who continue to provide stimulating ideas and constructive criticism, and to all of you for your kindness in presenting me with this award, my grateful thanks.

Lionel Wilson

### Call for Contributions

The deadline for the January 1985 issue of *The VGP News* is November 30, 1984. Please submit all contributions in Bruce Doe.

Readers are also asked to inform the editor of *The VGP News* if they are interested in reviewing any recently published books. Input on what types of books and any specific suggestions for which books should be reviewed are also welcome.

### Meetings

#### Microscopic to Macroscopic

The Mineralogical Society of America will sponsor a short course entitled "Microscopic to Macroscopic: Atomic Environments to Mineral Thermodynamics" before the 1985 annual Spring AGU meeting. An all-day symposium of invited and contributed related research papers will be held at AGU in Baltimore. The short course will be at Washington College, Chestertown, Md.

Speakers/authors for the short course are: Charles Burnham (Harvard); Roger Burns (MIT); Michael Carpenter (Cambridge); Subrata Ghose (Univ. of Washington); Robert Hazen (Geophys. Lab.); Raymond Jeanloz (Berkeley); Susan Kieffer (USGS, Flagstaff); Desmond McConnell (Cambridge); Paul McMillan (Ariz. State Univ.); Alexandra Navrotsky (Ariz. State Univ.). The following topics

will be covered: (1) characterization of atomic sites by various spectroscopic and crystallographic techniques; (2) the relations between atomic vibrational properties and spectroscopic properties; (3) calculation of thermodynamic properties from spectroscopic properties of minerals, including crystal-chemical constraints on free energies, phase transitions, heat capacities and entropies, solid solution effects, and isotopic fractionation. Authors are contributing examples of worked problems with their articles which will appear as a volume in the MSA series *Reviews in Mineralogy*.

The short course will consist of three morning lectures, two afternoon or evening lectures, and an evening workshop between Friday morning, May 24 and Sunday noon, May 26.

For further information, write to either (but not both) of the organizers: Alexandra Navrotsky, Department of Chemistry, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287; Susan W. Kieffer, U.S. Geological Survey, Flagstaff, AZ 86001.

#### Phreatomagmatic Eruptions

Special sessions on "Phreatomagmatic Eruptions and the Role of Water in Explosive Volcanism" are being held at the International Volcanological Congress, Auckland-Hamilton-Rotorua, New Zealand, February 1-9, 1985. In association with the Congress, there will be a special issue of a geological/geophysical journal dedicated to this topic; editing duties for the special issue are to be shared by coauthors of the Congress and the IAVCEI Working Group on Explosive Volcanism.

Papers submitted for publication in the special issue should follow *Journal of Volcanology* format and must be carefully edited before submission for review. Manuscripts will be sent out for review, revised, and final drafts collected by the special editors before submission to a journal. In addition to publication in a journal, the final drafts will be

copied and circulated at the Congress.

Editors are Bruce Houghton, New Zealand Geological Survey, P.O. Box 418, Rotorua, New Zealand; Kenneth Wohletz, Los Alamos National Laboratory, MS D402, Los Alamos, N.M. 87545; Grant Heiken, Los Alamos National Laboratory, MS D462, Los Alamos, N.M. 87545.

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**Cover:** Coring through a 800-year-old obsidian flow near Long Valley Caldera, Calif. This hole, the first of a series to probe the subvolcanic environment of the Inyo Domes chain, penetrated 55 m of ash and bottomed at 152 m in precaldera ash. (Photo by J. C. Eichelberger. See also "Research Drilling at Inyo Domes, Long Valley Caldera, California," by J. C. Eichelberger, P. C. Lyne, and L. W. Yonker.)

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Through solubility data for various volatile species, vapor pressure at the time the system rheologically closed can be inferred from volatile concentration and compared with the known solubility limit. By sampling drill zones at multiple depths, the pressure (depth) dependence of degassing behavior can be determined. Alternatively, if no degassing occurs except by explosive fragmentation, volatile content will be independent of depth. For magmas under lithostatic load at 1000 m, the solubility of water in melt is an order of magnitude higher than water contents observed in Obsidian Dome. Although it might be expected that degassing would result in water contents near the solubility curve, in fact equilibration with surface conditions (0.1 MPa) extends to at least 100 m (A. F. Spillhaus and R. E. Little, 1983). While degassing to 1 atmosphere water vapor pressure is certainly two expected to extend to depths of 500 or 1000 m, glasses at these depths may be substantially water undersaturated (at magmatic temperature) if the magmas behave during ascent as a stiff, permeable foam.

The problem of dike emplacement will be investigated in detail. Fracture experiments will be used to characterize current conditions in the vicinity of the dike in terms of joint orientation and stress orientation and magnitude. Evidence for the mechanism of dike propagation is provided by fractures and other mechanical damage near the dike. Predictions of fracture distribution from existing dike propagation models (Pollard et al., 1983) can be compared with actual fractures mapped from core examination and bore hole televicor studies, which may also reveal pathways of fluid flow relevant to the geochemical and thermal investigations.

Processes of mass transport within the dike and between the dike and its host will be investigated largely through trace element and isotopic techniques. The isotopic composition of oxygen and hydrogen is a sensitive indicator to processes involving water, such as mag-

matic degassing and interaction between melt and water and magma (e.g., Taylor et al., 1983). The isotopic contrast between Sierra basement and Inyo magmas for Sr and Pb isotopes will provide a sensitive test of the extent of assimilation (e.g., Doe et al., 1980; Lipman et al., 1978). The glassy margin of the intrusion represents magma subjected to an extreme temperature gradient and provides an opportunity to test current ideas about thermally driven diffusion (Soret effect) and its role in development of highly evolved silicic magmas by looking for gradients in rare earth element concentration.

Finally, the holes will be used to test and refine application of geophysical techniques to volcanic terranes. Deep drilling in the CSDP thermal regimes effort will rely heavily on geophysics for definition of magmatic targets, yet these techniques are largely untested on geophysics for definition of magmatic targets. Both electrical and seismic reflection surveys will be run across the dike trend inside and outside the caldera. Results will be compared with "ground truth" from the core holes.

#### Program Evolution

Intersecting a subsurface intrusion with a drill hole is not a trivial problem, however unambiguous the surface evidence. Therefore, the drilling program will be developed with holes of increasing depth, cost, and target complexity so that results from each hole can be used in design of the subsequent hole. Work was initiated outside the caldera because of ease of access and target definition, relative conceptual simplicity of the geologic environment, favorable drilling conditions due to expected hole stability in granite, and greater likelihood of encountering residual heat from the intrusion at shallow depth due to expected low permeability of the environment. Work within the caldera is planned to lag work in the northern part of the chain by approximately 1 year. Table 2 shows current drilling plans, which are, of course, subject to

revision based on drilling results and funding constraints. The present project will culminate with two deep (3-km) holes into the dike, one inside and one outside the caldera. The more immediate goal is to intersect the Obsidian Dome conduit and the northern part of the dike at approximately the 500- and 1000-m levels, respectively. In the remainder of this section, we describe the completed 120-m Obsidian Dome hole and the conduit and dike holes which are in progress.

The first hole was conceived as a relatively low-cost shallow vertical hole to investigate structure and chemistry of the Obsidian Dome. The hole was also intended to address the problems of wire line diamond coring in the flow and underlying stratigraphy in order to design properly the later, more expensive holes. A site near the southern distal end of the flow was chosen because the second hole will penetrate a proximal section of the flow before intersecting the conduit. Comparison of the flow sections sampled by these two holes will permit investigation of the effects of surface flowage on flow structure, bubble growth or collapse, and degassing, and of changes in magma chemistry with time. A truck-mounted wire line diamond core rig of the type commonly used in hard rock mining was employed. Coring was required to meet the scientific objectives of the hole. Further, conventional rotary drilling that relies on return fluid flow to bring cuttings to the surface would have been impossible in the highly fractured dome. Boyles Brothers of Reno spudded the hole on October 20, 1983, and completed it on November 4 at a total depth of 152 m. The hole was cored NC (93-mm diameter) to 124 m, cased NX to 122 m, and then cored NX (76-mm) to 152 m. Surprisingly, little difficulty was encountered penetrating Obsidian Dome, and recovery averaged 90% close to 100% in the unfractured interior, even though drilling proceeded without circulation. The cost was about \$170/m of which \$36/m was drilling fluid. The

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TABLE 1. Institutions and Investigators Currently Involved in the Inyo Drilling Program

Institution	Investigators	Investigations
Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	A. F. White N. R. Burkhard P. W. Kasaeyer L. W. Yonker J. N. Albright, F. E. Goff H. D. Murphy	fluid geochemistry seismic reflection, thermal/chemical relationships fracturing experiments
Los Alamos National Laboratory	C. R. Carrigan, J. C. Dunn, J. C. Eichelberger, T. M. Gerlach, P. C. Lyne R. A. Bailey, C. D. Miller	volatile geochemistry, thermal modeling
Sandia National Laboratories	J. H. Fink J. F. Herminance T. A. Vogel	petrology/geochemistry, structure electromagnetic survey thermal/chemical relationships structure H, C, O isotopes
U.S. Geological Survey Arizona State University Brown University Michigan State University	D. D. Pollard B. E. Taylor	
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only significant drilling problem was an unstable hole in the nonwelded Bishop Tuff, which eventually necessitated casing. The hole terminated in precaldera andesite. Major scientific results concerning the flow were absence of a basal vesicular zone postulated from surface observations (Fink, 1983); a coarsely vesicular zone was encountered at 14.5–21.5 m; evidence of nearly complete degassing to one atmosphere water vapor pressure (Eichelberger and Westrich, 1984); and large variations in concentration of certain trace elements (H. W. Stockman and H. R. Westrich, unpublished data, 1984). These results will be reported in a subsequent technical paper. Of interest here is that the hole demonstrated the practicality of small coring rigs as a research tool for probing the Inyo environment.

Plans for the conduit and dike holes are based on these results and are shown schematically in Figures 3 and 4. Both holes are being drilled by Tonto Drilling Company of Salt Lake City, Utah. The primary objective of the conduit hole is to provide the first samples of the intrusive portion of the Inyo system at its most easily accessible point. At the projected depth of intersection of the conduit of 450 m, significant differences from surface samples in terms of degassing and crystallization behavior should already be apparent. Additional important observations will be the size and structure of the conduit and the nonvolatiles chemical composition relative to tephra and flow samples.

The position of the conduit is well expressed topographically by the vent region of the flow. The vent region is a 500 x 800-m area of sunbaked, vertically projecting spines which is elongate along the trend of the Inyo chain and rises 50 m above the general flow surface. The drill site is a bulldozed area within a pumice claim on the flow just west of the vent region. Advantages of this site are ease of access for equipment and favorable geometry for intersecting the conduit from the side by a slant hole. A hole from a more central location in the vent area might simply travel down the funnel-shaped vent without intersecting the quenched margin. A more distant hole would be more expensive and might miss the target altogether. On the basis of observations of exposed fossil conduits, the target is expected to be large (>100 m), particularly in the north-south direction, relative to possible lateral deviation of the hole. Coring of the entire hole is planned, and the hole should be completed by late summer.

With the exception of being slanted, the hole into the conduit of Obsidian Dome (Figure 3) should be similar to last year's vertical hole. Since the conduit hole is deeper, the initial hole size will be larger, thus allowing for more casing steps should they be required. A Bureau of Land Management permit requirement for drilling in geothermal areas is that a casing be set at least at 10% of the final hole depth or at 61 m (200 ft) in this case. After installation and testing of blow-out-preventer equipment, coring ahead will continue through the andesitic flows at a hole diameter of 98 mm. A second string of casing may be set when granite basement is reached. If the hole is stable through the granite and conduit material, the remaining hole will be open and will be 76 mm in diameter. Two additional casing steps are possible should the hole prove to be unstable.

The dike hole will be spudded immediately following completion of the conduit hole. This hole will formally begin the interagency Inyo effort and will involve the full range of scientific investigations outlined earlier in this article. The hole will be sited near Glass Creek, where there is the closest spacing of Inyo vents. The site lies between Obsidian Dome and the Glass Creek flow and just east of two phreatic explosion craters and one small cratered dome (Figures 1 and 4). Because the dike is expected to be near vertical and trend north-south, the hole will be slanted in the east-west plane so as to laterally traverse the expected zone of intrusion. If the dike is inclined, it most likely dips to the east as the nearby Sierran frontal fault (Hartley Springs) dips to the east. Therefore the chosen drill site is east of the expected dike position, and the hole will dip to the west. The strongest local alignment of features, and therefore the best indication of the position of the underlying dike segment, is formed by a phreatic crater (which we will call Dry Crater) elongated north-south and located just south of the first hole; a presumed crater intersected by the first hole; a long, narrow ridge of spines extending southward from the main vent area of Obsidian Dome; and the central depression of the vent area. Hole geometry has been chosen so that the midpoint of the hole will pass directly under Dry Crater and penetrate the Hartley Springs Fault at a point down dip from the small dome which erupted on the fault. An upper limit on the dip of the fault is taken to be 80°E (R. A. Bailey, unpublished data, 1984), and the hole will be designed to reach the fault in this worst case. The hole should thus intersect structures related to at least one and possibly two phreatic craters, one magmatic vent, and a major, active tectonic feature. The design of the dike hole is similar to the conduit hole, except that core will not be taken in the first ~150 m.

TABLE 2. Inyo Research Holes

Year	Glass Creek Area (Outside Caldera)	Deadman-Inyo Area (Inside Caldera)
1983 (completed)	150 m vertical core hole, Obsidian Dome	
1984 (in progress)	600 m slant core, Obsidian Dome conduit	
1985 (proposed)	1000 m slant core, dike at Glass Creek	1000 m slant core, dike
	two 500 m temperature gradient holes near dike	
	one 150 m seismic observation hole for fracture experiments	
1986		two 500 m temperature gradient holes near dike
1987	3 km hole	
1988		3 km hole

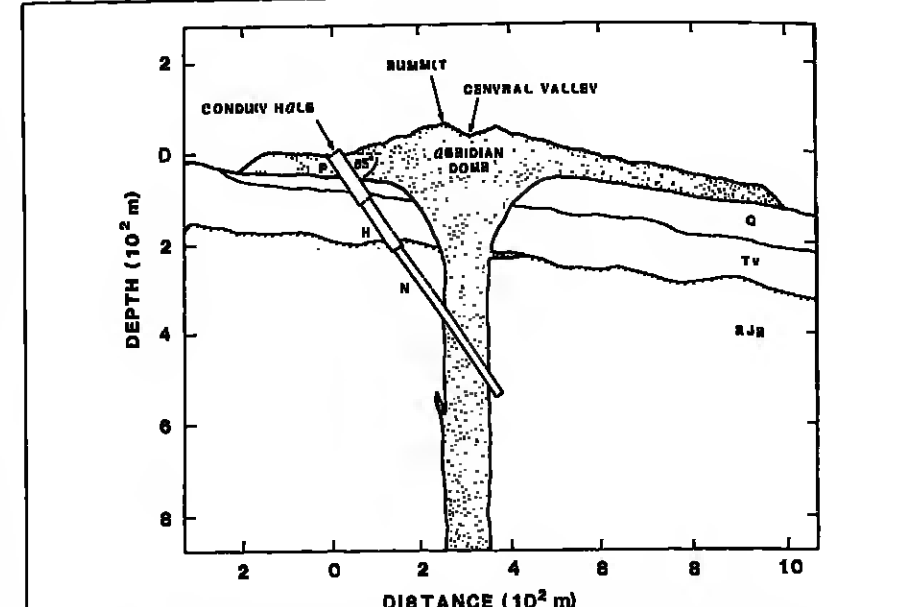


Fig. 3. Cross section II, showing plans for the conduit hole. Hole sizes are P = 123 mm, H = 96 mm, N = 76 mm. Conduit position is inferred from topography on the dome, and conduit size is inferred from fossil analogs. Q is Inyo tephra, colluvium, and Bishop Tuff. TV is andesitic flows and cinders. KJg is dominantly granodiorite and quartz monzonite. Depth to basement (KJg) is not known, but expected to be shallow.

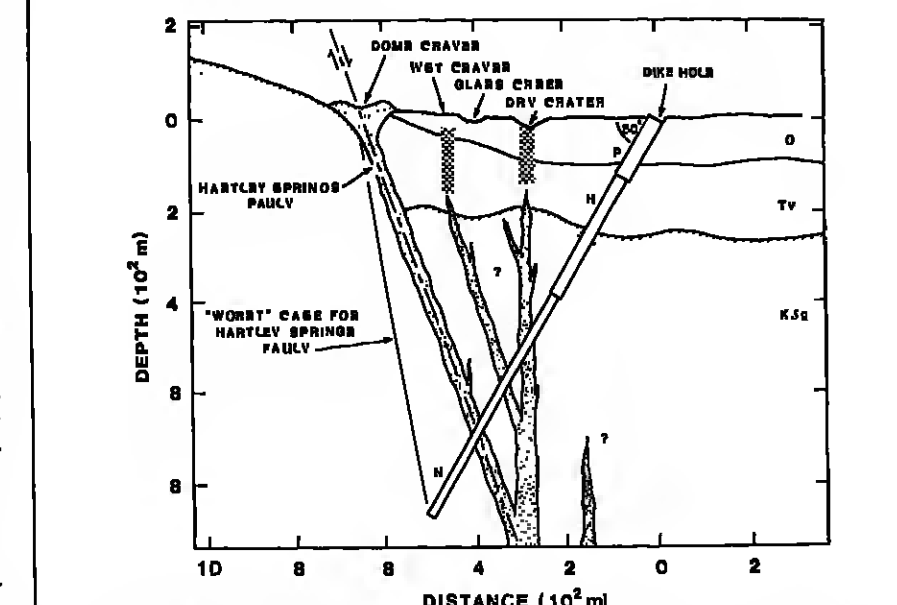


Fig. 4. Cross section III, showing plans for dike hole. Intrusive configuration is speculative, but the hole must pass between vents and the main intrusion. Crater names are informal. Wet crater (dotted) is 200 m north of the section plane.

The dike hole is scheduled for completion in fall 1984. Results of core and borehole investigations will be used to site an array of shallow holes for seismic and further temperature observations and to plan a similar experiment inside the caldera.

## Borehole Logging and Instrumentation

The standard suite of logs (electric, nuclear, sonic, and temperature) logs will be run on the conduit and dike wells. In addition, the holes will be surveyed to accurately locate the conduit and dike as well as to provide input data for borehole to surface and borehole to borehole geophysical experiments. Owing to the size of the hole, slim hole logging tools (~50 mm) will be required. Also, the tools will have to be calibrated to obtain rock parameters (porosity, density, etc.) from the measured values of resistivity, neutron, and gamma transport parameters and sonic velocities. In addition to this work, some nonstandard downhole measurements will be made, and three are mentioned below.

A knowledge of the in situ stress is required to generate models for the intrusion of magma into overlying rocks. If hole conditions permit, classical hydraulic fracture techniques can be used to determine these parameters. However, the traditional assumption that the maximum principal stress is vertical is not likely to be valid in the vicinity of the dike. Thus a combination of experiments will be performed. They include an accurate caliper of the hole using a borehole televiwer and a monitoring of the strain relief of oriented core specimens. Both of these techniques have been demonstrated in recent work (Bell and Cough, 1983; Teyfel, 1983).

Triaxial geophones will be cemented into outlying shallow holes (Table 2) to monitor acoustic emission due to fracture propagation during two different fluid injection experiments. The first experiment involves injection of dilute acid into the well in order to induce slippage of preexisting stress joints. This will permit mapping of joint orientation in the vicinity of the dike well beyond the bore hole. The second experiment, mentioned previously, involves observation of the orientation of fractures formed during injection of fluids at high pressure and hence the orientation of the present stress field near the dike.

A significant contrast in resistivity may exist between the dike and its surroundings. The dike may be significantly less resistive than the crystalline basement if it is porous due to vesicularity or thermally induced fractures.

Similarly, high fracture density in the basement adjacent to the dike may make the vicinity of the dike less resistive than the far field. The downhole electrical experiment will consist of a vertical magnetic induction coil used in conjunction with an active source at the surface. It allows determination of formation to surface electrical resistivities away from the borehole and will be useful for both calibrating surface to surface electrical measurements and for "stripping-off" the effect of surficial geology from the signatures of deeper structures. In addition, a number of vertical profiles will be run in each drill hole for a variety of different source field locations and configurations. This allows discrimination among the effects from structures to the side of the drill hole, the formation itself, and structures below the drill hole.

## Opportunities for Additional Investigations

Although the effort outlined here is a broad, interdisciplinary program, it does not address every aspect of the subvolcanic Inyo environment. Investigators interested in utilizing the core or borehole in their research are encouraged to communicate with one of the authors of this report.

## Author's Note

The conduit of Obsidian Dome was intersected at a slant depth of 487 m on September 6.

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# News

## Grading Acid Rain Research

The growing concern with the environmental effects of acid rain has spawned a number of study groups in recent years, and now the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) has released what is essentially a study of a study. In January 1982, White House Science Advisor George Keyworth asked William Nierenberg, Director of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and a panel of nine scientists to conduct a peer review of three separate reports on acid deposition in eastern North America that had been turned in by U.S.-Canadian scientific working groups.

Those studies had been requisitioned by a 1980 Memorandum of Intent between the United States and Canada regarding transboundary air pollution. Overall, the Nierenberg peer review panel was "impressed with the efforts of the United States-Canadian Working Groups," (labeled Groups 1, 2, and 3), but it also found problems. While applauding the work groups' exhaustive search through the acid rain literature, the Nierenberg panel cited what they call an "overdependence on 'soft' literature," or writings such as in-house reports and personal communications, which are outside the publicly available (and carefully scrutinized) body of scientific literature.

Each one of the work groups, the panel believes, could have improved its report. Group 1 reviewed a "huge amount of data...but its message was weakened considerably because it did not comply with its fundamental charge to examine squarely the strength of the link between acid deposition and chemical and biological ecological changes." Because the group was unable to agree on a figure for concentrations of sulfates in freshwater lakes and streams below which the water could be considered safe from harmful effects, the Nierenberg panel recommends that they reconvene to develop a "preliminary target loading until better target loading values are available," stating that "the present loading of sulfates is too high and that a target loading should be set."

The problem with Group 2's report, according to the panel, is that they depended too heavily on transport models to deduce

the relative importances of local and distant sources of sulfur in air and in deposition. It is still too early to rely on the scientific validity of these models, says the Nierenberg panel, at the expense of "traditional scientific approaches." Work Group 3B, on the other hand, "presented a large amount of data on emissions, control techniques and costs, but enclosed it in a report which is difficult to read and harder still to interpret."

The Nierenberg panel's report makes a number of recommendations of its own concerning acid rain research, in compliance with a White House request to provide further research and monitoring recommendations to reduce uncertainties in the scientific and technical knowledge regarding acid deposition. Stating that "large portions of North America are currently being stressed by wet deposition of acids, by dry deposition of acid-forming substances, and by other air pollutants such as ozone, metals, and organics," the panel recommends that "cost effective steps to reduce emissions begin now even though the resulting ecological benefits cannot yet be quantified."

Specifically, researchers should first try to quantify the overall effects of acid deposition, both wet and dry, on an ecological system before trying to distinguish between the two. As a next priority they should then work on "disentangling the effects of acid deposition from those of other anthropogenic atmospheric insults." Other goals for investigation are accurate measurements of dry deposition, network measurements of crater elements and compounds that can point to sources of pollution, and improved understanding of the atmospheric chemistry by which pollutants such as SO<sub>2</sub> are acidified. Once these types of data are collected, the information should then be incorporated into improved computer models, according to the report.

In conclusion, the panel said it was "disappointed at the way in which the Federal Government has been conducting its research program on acid rain," and called for a larger share of research funding to go to non-Federal laboratories and for more emphasis on studying the ecological effects of acid rain. "Although current funding of acid rain studies is much higher than in the past and increasing," the report says, "carefully chosen priorities in fields and investigators can markedly accelerate progress in this difficult field."

## New Weather Forecasting Aid

A new, computerized weather analysis and display system developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is being used to provide air traffic controllers in Colorado with up-to-date information on weather systems that could affect aircraft within their control areas. The system, called PROFS (Prototype Regional Forecasting and Forecasting Services), was under development for four years at NOAA's Environmental Research Laboratories in Boulder, and is undergoing operational evaluation at the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA's) Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center in Longmont, Colo. FAA officials see the new system as a first step in upgrading the weather support services for the nation's air traffic control system.

Originally created to help National Weather Service personnel with their forecasting duties (*Eos*, April 13, 1982, p. 233), the PROFS system was specially tailored for aviation use before being installed at the Longmont center. The system uses computers to process weather data from satellites, regional radar, wind probes, a network of automated weather stations in eastern Colorado, and other sources, some of which are not normally available to forecasters. When this information is collected and formatted, weather personnel at the center can choose from several types of visual display on their terminals, depending on what information they require. The forecasters can then make printed copies of any display and distribute them within moments to controllers who use the information to alert air traffic to storms, wind shifts, and other weather disturbances.

An example of the system's usefulness is in providing advanced warnings of quickly developing storms. These storms often make it necessary to close corridors of air traffic. If controllers know ahead of time that a certain corridor will be closed, however, they can make appropriate adjustments and avoid traffic backups. The Longmont center directs air traffic in a region covering all or part of eight western states, and more than 5,000 flights pass through that airspace each day. According to Dan Austin, the center's air

traffic manager, the ability "to increase the timeliness and accuracy of forecasts is absolutely vital to our being able to plan our traffic so we don't have to wait for an airplane to stick its nose in a cloud to find out what conditions actually are. [The new system] allows us to get important weather information in real time and lets us take appropriate corrective action at the earliest possible moment."

Several modifications to the PROFS system were made for aviation use, including the addition of one display that relates a storm's location to an aircraft's position, and so allows forecasters to give an air traffic controller direction and distance readings for a storm without having to make the calculation himself. The long-term goal for computerized forecasting systems, according to Dan Austin, is to have weather forecasts displayed directly on controllers' screens, along with aircraft information.

## Corrections

Three references were incorrectly cited in the article entitled "Historic Cartographic Evidence for Holocene Changes in the Amarek Ice Cover" by John C. Whitman, published in the August 28, 1984, *Eos*. In the first column on page 408, both references to Figure 5 should be to Figure 4. On page 409, the reference to the unpublished studies by W. F. Binkel should be to personal communication, 1982.

The geographic distribution of AGU members that appeared in the 1984 Membership Directory (*Eos*, August 28, 1984, p. 527) incorrectly listed the membership totals for several countries and inadvertently omitted Ecuador and Israel from the list. The correct membership figures are as follows:

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